

(1) Is enrolled in an academic program that, as determined by the institution, requires 5 years to complete; or

(2) Provides evidence, satisfactory to the State Scholarship Administration, of extenuating financial, academic, or other circumstances that prevent the recipient from completing the academic program in 4 years.

~~(D) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL OF A FREE STATE AWARD UNDER SUBSECTIONS (A), (B), AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, A RECIPIENT OF A GUARANTEED ACCESS GRANT SHALL:~~

~~(1) UPON COMPLETION OF THE FRESHMAN YEAR, HAVE ACHIEVED A GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 2.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE, AND MAINTAIN THIS MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF THE GRANT AWARD OR, FAILING TO DO SO, PROVIDE EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES; AND~~

~~(2) HOLD THE GRANT FOR NOT MORE THAN 5 CONSECUTIVE YEARS OR, FAILING TO DO SO, PROVIDE EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.~~

~~(D) EACH RECIPIENT OF AN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD SHALL, UPON COMPLETION OF THE FRESHMAN YEAR, HAVE ACHIEVED A GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 2.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE, AND MAINTAIN THIS MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF THE AWARD OR, FAILING TO DO SO, PROVIDE EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.~~

~~(E) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL OF AN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD UNDER SUBSECTIONS (A), (B), (C), AND (D) OF THIS SECTION, A RECIPIENT OF A GUARANTEED ACCESS GRANT SHALL HOLD THE GRANT FOR NOT MORE THAN 5 CONSECUTIVE YEARS OR, FAILING TO DO SO, PROVIDE EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.~~

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(a) The Administration shall compile and certify lists[, for each legislative district and] for the entire State[,] that rank applicants by[:

- (1) Score on the competitive examination; and
- (2) The amount of need.] FINANCIAL NEED.

(b) [(1) One quarter of the funds available for annual initial scholarships shall be awarded equally among legislative districts to qualified applicants on the basis of:

- (i) Highest score on the competitive examination; and
- (ii) Some financial need.